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SUBJ: MALIAN REFUGEES IN ALGERIA

REF: STATE 038476

1. DCM KUNIHOLM INFORMED MALI DROUGHT COORDINATOR MINDEFENSE DOUKARA ABOUT REPORTS OF MALI REFUGEES IN TAMANRASSET AND RAGGANE. DOUKARA SAID THAT HE KNEW OF 4,000 MALI REFUGEES IN ALGERIA. HE SAID THAT HE HAD TRIED TO SEND COMMANDER OF KIDAL CERCLE OF ALGERIA TO DISCUSS RESETTLEMENT THESE REFUGEES IN KIDAL BUT THAT ALGERIAN AUTHORITIES HAD REFUSED TO RECEIVE HIM. DOUKARA SAID THAT HE BELIEVED ALGERIANS WISHED TO KEEP MALI NOMADS IN SPARSELY POPULATED SOUTHERN ALGEIRA, MAKE THEM ALGERIAN CITIZENS, AND EVEN RECRUIT THEM FOR ALGERIAN ARMY. DOUKARA SAID THAT HE HAD SIMILAR DIFFICULTY WITH MALI REFUGEES IN KANO, NIGERIA LAST NOVEMBER. ACCORDING TO DOUKARA, NIGERIAN AUTHORITIES HAD REFUSED TO ASSIST GOM IN REPATRI-
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ATING ABOUT 2,000 NOMADS THERE.

2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING IF ALGERIANS AND
NIGERIANS WERE APPROACHED BY GOM AS ALLEGED BY DOUKARA.
HOWEVER, DOUKARA'S CRITICISM ABOUT NON-COOPERATION OF
NIGERIANS AND ALGERIANS SHOULD NOT BE DISCLOSED SINCE
HIS ALLEGATIONS COULD BE DAMAGING TO MALI-ALGERIAN,
MALI-NIGERIAN RELATIONS.
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